



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

In the matter of )

**BROWNSTOWN LIQUOR NANCY LLC** )  
**D/B/A BROWNSTOWN LIQUOR SHOPPE** )

18427 Telegraph Rd. )  
Romulus, Michigan 48174 )

Wayne County )  
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Business ID No. 231255

At the October 13, 2016 hearing of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission  
(Commission) in Southfield, Michigan.

PRESENT: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman  
Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner  
Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

**PENALTY HEARING ORDER**

Under MCL 436.1903(1), the Commission shall impose a suspension or revocation of the 2016 Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant licenses with Sunday Sales Permits (A.M. & P.M.) held by Brownstown Liquor Nancy LLC, d/b/a Brownstown Liquor Shoppe (licensee) at the above-noted address, as the licensee was found liable for three (3) violations of MCL 436.1801(2) on different occasions within a 24-month period. Those violations occurred on August 13, 2014, November 21, 2014 and April 23, 2016.

The penalty hearing was held on October 13, 2016 at the Commission's Southfield office. Representing the licensee at the hearing was sole member, Nancy Watha.

After reviewing the record of the three (3) violations within a consecutive 24-month period which necessitated the penalty hearing, hearing arguments from Ms. Watha, and review of the MLCC file, the Commission finds that revocation of the licenses is not necessary in this matter. However, the Commission further finds that a

suspension of the licenses is required, and the licensee has demonstrated reasons to order a suspension in this matter for the following reasons:

- The Commission finds that the licenses were originally issued to the licensee on May 7, 2013. The minors were sold alcoholic liquor in violation of MCL 436.1801(2) within a timeframe of approximately 20 months; and the licensee admitted responsibility for each violation.
- The minors were 18 and 19 years of age and identification was not requested in any of the incidents that occurred.
- The Commission finds that the licensee herself, Nancy Watha, made the illegal sale that occurred on August 13, 2014; and that her sons both made sales in the other two (2) incidents and remain employed at the establishment.
- The Commission finds that the licensee has held SDD and SDM licenses under Nancy W. Watha, d/b/a A & W Food Center, located at 13016 Mack Ave., Detroit, Wayne County, since May 20, 1980. That location was found responsible on March 24, 2004 for the sale of alcoholic liquor to a 19-year old minor, contrary to MCL 436.1801(2); and Nancy Watha was cited as the selling clerk. The licensee admitted responsibility for this violation.
- The Commission finds that the licensee has not demonstrated any written policies currently in place to prevent future sales to minors.
- The Commission finds that the licensee has no record of any passed controlled-buy operations for alcohol conducted by the Commission's Enforcement Division or local law enforcement.
- The Commission finds there was no failure to cooperate with law enforcement or with the Commission.

Under MCL 436.1903(1), the Commission shall issue a penalty of suspension or revocation in this matter. The Commission finds that a ninety (90) day suspension is warranted for the reasons stated on the record, to be served from October 21, 2016 through January 18, 2017.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The 2016 Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant licenses with Sunday Sales Permits (A.M. & P.M.) held by Brownstown Liquor Nancy LLC, d/b/a Brownstown Liquor Shoppe are SUSPENDED for ninety (90) days, to be served from October 21, 2016 through January 18, 2017.

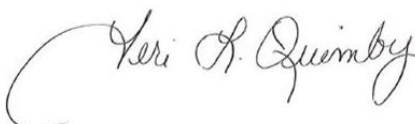
B. The suspension is to run consecutively and not concurrently with any other suspension ordered by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for this licensee.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION



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Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

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